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ae Destruction of the Country Seat of John A. Haven, Esq.

DEPLORABLE LOSS OF LIFE.

Fecation of the Misses Mary, Grace and

One of the Piremen Seriously Injured.

We published yesterday a brief account of the disas us fire which occurred at Fort Washington about for clock on Saturday morning, and by which three of the daughters of Mr. John A. Haven, one of the most our reporters visited the scene of the calamity on turday, and obtained the following details from those

who were present during the fire:—

The building, which was occupied by Mr. Haven and amily, is situated on the brow of a hill overlooking the m, and is about ten minutes walk from the rail, road station. A few rods distant is the dwelling of his n-in-law, Mr. Hopkins, who was one of the first at the gan addition to be made to his house, which was no uite finished when the calamity by which nearly one half of his family were cut off occurred. He had occupied this building for several years, and was one of the oldest resielents in that neighborhood. On the night previous to the fire, he had, as he himself stated, examined the preises, according to his usual custom, before retir and having satisfied himself that everything was safe, he went to bed. This was between ten and eleven b'clock; but about twelve he had occasion to rise and regulate the register, and at that time he says he ke or anything which would indicate that he building was on fire. That very night, a few shor ours before the disaster the three young ladies were musing themselves in their sitting room playing the sing and singing with their sisters and some riends, who were visiting them. There was a feeling of perfect security, and they all retired at the usual hour. neonscious of the fearful fate which impended over em. About ten o'clock, too, Mrs. Haven went into the kitchen and laundry, and told the servants to suspend their work for the night and go to bed. They did so, with the exception of two German girls, named iana and Rica Ruthardt, who are cousins, and who have not been in the country longer than two or three weeks. These girls were smoothing some clothes, and it appears that they had, as usual when work of at kind was to be done, put on an extra quantity of coals. It is not known exactly what time they went to bed, but it is supposed their work was done before nwake in the house when the alarm was given, excep-

We have said that Mr. Haven retired between ten and eleven, and that he rose about twelve to regulate the register; but he was also the first to discover the fire. Near four o'clock in the morning he awoke with a feeling of suffication, and on rising to ascertain the cause, he found his room full of smoke. He thought at first that it proceeded from the fireplace, but he soon became convinced, from its density, that the house was on fire. He then a voke Mrs. Haven, and they both went into the hall, where they alarmed the members of the family, and Mr. Haven next aroused the servants who were sound asleep at the time. On looking at the building from outside they saw at once that the fire originated in the laundry, and that as it had already made great progress, was impossible, with the hmited means at hand, to

heck it. They did all in their power, however, er several pails of water upon the flames, but without the least effect. Had there been an engine on the ground soon after it was discovered, and sufficient water, it could have been suppressed with very little ifficulty, but the firemen did not arrive until the buildog was almost totally consumed. As may be supposed, the greatest confusion and excitement prevailed among the inmates, who were crowded together on the lawn in cont of the house, some of them in their night clothes and others only balf dressed. The night, however, wa very mild for winter, and the air was so calm that the ascended in huge unbroken masses high over the burning building.

After the first apprehensions with regard to the safet; of the family, and the other members of the household were over, some of the Miss Havens asked Kate Lean. one of the servants, to go into the dining room and carry at the plate before the fire reached it, but the girl re fused, fearing that she would be suffocated by the smoke, don Haven, who was in her night dress, then ran into the building, as it is supposed, for her clothes and that was the last that was seen of her till he ruins. She was followed by her three sisters, Mary It was thought at first when they went into the build ing, that they would return immediately, but when ing their appearance, and every room in the house appeared to be filled with smoke, the greatest apprehension the house of her son in law, Mr. Hopkins, bare minutes before the disappearance of her daughters. A considerable number of their neighbors had also collected, and every exertion was made to rescue them. Mr ced a ladder against the balcony and ascend ed to one of the second story windows, which looked out from the drawing-room, and from which he heard a sound as of some one groaning inside. The smoke was no dense that he could not see into the room, and to enter it would be at the extreme peril of his life. Throw ing bimself, therefore, on the floor, near the window, to svoid the smoke, and in the direction from which he heard the grosses, he stretched out his hands and fortu nately succeeded in catching hold of the dress of Miss Anna Haven. Drawing her towards him, he succeeded in getting her out on the balcony, but was forced to re main with her here ten or fifteen minutes, the ladder being too weak to bear the weight of both. Another lad sier was obtained, and as Mr. Hopkins was nearly exhaust of the men in charge of the telegraph at For sensible girl safely down the ladder, and giving her to

Jones and Joseph Moloney, the keeper of the railroad station, entered the house again in search of the other sisters, whom they found lying near the closet contain ing the place, apparently dead. One of them was or her knees with her hands against the door of the closet as if in the act of opening it, when she was sufficiented the foor. They were both carried out immediately, and life was doubtless extinct before they were found gs the lifeless forms of their children fore in the full enjoyment of life, and now, by a terrible Natality, they were deprived of them, even after they led in escaping unreathed from the midst of

the arms of her distracted parents. She was taken im

short distance off, and where she received every care and

covering, but it has been deemed advisable to concen

stely to the residence of Mr. Connolly, which is

ation. She is, we understand, in a fair way of re-

er the fate of her sisters until she is entirely out

On the alarm of fire, hose companies 43 and 52, and engine companies 55 and 49, hastened to the spot; but the building was enveloped in flames when they arrived, and they could render no effectual service in saving it. They did all they could, however, afterwards, in clearing away the ruins and extricating the remains of Miss Sarah Langdon, which were found so horribly burned, as to render recognition utterly impossible. One of their own number, a member of Hose Company 43, named Wilson, had his leg broken, and was otherwise seriously injured ding the steep hill to the scene of the fire. Such was

the difficulty they experienced in dragging their ma and one of the carriages was upset two or three times.

The morning of the fire, the German servant girls were

paid their wages, and as their services were not required any longer, they came to thincity. It is not known that the fire was caused by their neglect, but it is supposed so, from the fact that they were the last persons in the

house who were known to be up that night.

The house was built in the gothic style, and with the furniture is estimated at twenty thousand dollars, about one-third of which is insured. It was constructed prinings along the North river.

THE INQUEST.
On Saturday, Coroner O'Donnell, accompanied by the
Fire Marshal of New York, Mr. Alfred E. Baker, went from this city to Mount Washington, to hold an inquest on the bodies, and to investigate the cause of the fire. On their arrival at the residence of Mr. Hopkins they found the bodie of the three sisters—Sarah, Mary and Grace—lying in cof fins side by side. The latter two exhibited no externa marks of violence, and but for the shrouds in which they were enveloped, it might be easily believed that they were asleep, so calm was the expression that rested on their features. Their father was alone in his ro no one wishing to intrude upon his grief, while the mo ther and sisters seemed ready to sink under the weigh of their affliction. It was, indeed, a house of mourning The Coroner empannelled the following jury, and, after viewing the bodies, as required by law, proceeded to

Philip O'Hanlon. E. A. Hopkins. James A. Connolly. James C. Carter. The first witness examined was Mr. Havens, the father of the deceased, whose testimony was taken in private by the Coroner, as follows :-

TESTIMONY OF MR. HAVEN.

John A. Haven being duly sworn, testified as follows

-It was my usual custom to examine the premises every night before retiring: I did not observe any evi dence of fire at half-past ten; about twelve o'clock I go up to regulate the register in my room, and then there was no sign of fire; I went to bed again and fell askep; I was aroused from my sleep some time after by smoke in the room; I get out of bed; my wife also got up; we went to the ball and alarmed the family, and told then to leave the house; we did not return for our clothing; thought the fire proceeded from the fireplace, on count of the smoke; but I saw the fire had gained such headway that nothing could check it; there are fourteen in family; the fire was found to come from the laundry, north end of the building.

TESTIMONY OF KATE LEAN.

Kate Lean, one of the servants employed in the house testified as follows:—I have lived with Mr. Haven since the 16th of August last: I was not in the wash house jast night, but the two German girls were; I went to be about ten o'clock; I heard the girls speak in German in the wash house, the door of which was closed; there was a fireplace in it and they were ironing clothes; they beated their irons in a range which was connected with the boilers; some time in the night Mr. Haven came to where we were, and told us the house was on fire-to come out of our beds; I ran out then, and was standing in the entry, when one of the girls asked me to get a pail; I saw smoke in the wash house; one of the young ladies asked me to run after one of the men; it was Miss Helen; I got the coachman, Peter Hines, at his own house near by; I called him twice before he answered the young ladies wanted me to save the silver out of the closet, but I was afraid of the smoke, and the house was dark; the closet was in the dining room, which was even with the street; when I returned from the coachman I went into the dining room, through wirdow, with one of the men, who had a lamp in his hand; when we were there I saw one of the young ladies lying on the floor; I took one of the drawers that had the silver in it, and he handed it out of the window: I said then that I saw Miss Mary lying in the closet; after this ! came out of the dining room; I saw Miss Mary and Grace lying opposite the front door of the house on some clothes; I did not see them move, but I thought ! Miss Mary open her eyes; I did not see them

John-Brady, also employed as a servant, testified as follows:-I am a general servant in the house. I went to bed immediately after tea, but got up again and put some ashes on top of the coal in the furnace; after this Mrs. Haven ordered us all to go to bed, when I went; the furnace is in the hall of the main building; it heats some of the rooms; I don't know what hour I went to hed at; the girls were in the wash house when I went to bed; the first thing I knew after this was Mr. Haver om the head of the stairs; he call ed "John" twice, and I answered: I put my clothes on a family say the laundry was on fire: I can towards it and saw it and part of the dwelling house on fire; then I rushed back to my room for some of my clothes, and when I got them I left them out in the yard; I went saw nobody throw water besides myself; I heard some of the young ladies run round the house and cry fire the neighbors soon came and made an attempt to ge the young ladies out of the room, but they could not find where they were they got out some of the furni-ture; one of the ladies was taken up this morning to Mr. Connolly's in a wagon; it was Miss Anna; I helped to draw the wagon; she was not dead; when I saw the other bodies, people were trying to restore them; I did

TESTIMONY OF PETER HINES. Peter Hines being sworn, said—Am employed by Mr. Haven as coachman; I was called last night by Kate Lean, when I got up immediately; there was another girl with Kate, and they said the house was burned up; I turned out immediately, when I met Miss Helen, who told me to hurry up, that one of her sisters was in the house suffocating, and afterwards to get the keys of the stable and attend to the things there; when I came up to the buildings the north wing of the house, over the laundry was on fire; I saw plainly that I could render no assis tance; I heard from Mr. James Connolly that they had succeeded in getting one of the young ladies-I think me John had the keys of the stable: I got them from him then, and took the horses, harness, carriages and other things out of it; I saw Miss Grace and Miss quite motionless.

John M. Hopkins being sworn, testified as follows— reside a short distance from Mr. Haven's; I was aroused semetime between 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning; I was called by Mrs. Haven's who told me her house was on fire; this was about fifteen minutes after the family learned the house was on fire; the flames broke tention was first called to the fact that there was ome one in the drawingroom; I immediately ran up a ladder to the balcony attached to that room, and found hearing groans within, I threw myself on my face and reached in; there was a dense smoke, and I had to put my head down to the floor to avoid it; I reached my arm in and took hold of some person, which proved to be Miss Anna Haven; she was then alive, but perfectly in lying in Mr. Connoily's, in a fair way of recovery; I was in my arms, the ladder being too frail to bear the it of both of us: I was present about fifteen min utes after, when Mary and Grace were found in the china clost; the men stumbled over them as they were going in to take out the silver; Mary revived a little when they were taken out, but she died soon after.

THE VERDICY.

After the examination of the witnesses the Jury ren dered a verdict that Miss Sarah Langdon Haven had come to her death by burns received at a fire on the morning of Saturday, the 13th inst., and that Mary and Grace Haven had been sufficated at the same fire.

The bodies were examined by Dr. O'Hanlon, in accord-ance with the law, who found that their deaths were produced by the causes stated.

REMAINS OF GENERAL ARMSTRONG.—The remains of the late General Robert Armstrong reached Nashville, Tenn., on the 6th inst., and the exremonies of interment took place from the house of M s. Josiah Nichol on the 8th.

Dramatic and Musical Matters.

The events of the past week do not offer any striking nevelty. A bagatelle, by De Walden, at Burton's, ("Circe and her Magic Cup,") was the only really new thing during the week. It is only a "piece of absurdity," according to the bills, but it is very funny and exceedingly well done. The military that cedingly well done. The military evolutions of the O'Lyssus Guard are equal to those of any of our crack sings large numbers of pretty songs. This young actress Charles Howard school. She has youth beauty, talent and a voice of much power, purity and sweetness.

Several novelties are underlined at Burton's, and on
Tuesday we are to have Mostis Barnett's new comedy Thesday we are to have Moreis Barnett's new Comeny "Our Set; or the Spanish Embassy." Mr. Barnett is fully competent to write a comely net is fully competent to a Carolinian by birth, and of American society, as he is a Carolinian by birth, and of American society, as he is a Carolinian by birth, and opera (the Harrison and Pyne troupe) has done a fair business at the Broadway during the week, with "Mari tana," "Fra Diayelo," "La Sonnambula," "The Crown Diamonds," and the "Bohemian Girl." Mr. Horncastle is a valuable addition to this company.—At Wallack's nothing new has been presented. The "Sisters" and other favorite pieces have drawn good houses through the week. We are gratified to learn that Mr. Wallack is convale cent.—At the Metropolitan theatre, Sands & Co.'s circus company has been added to the dramatic corps, but the experiment has not proved a lucrative one. Au passant, M'lle. Chiarint, of the circus company, is a perfect little phenomenon. One night we see her playing Eva, in the drama founded on a celebrated negro romance, sgain appearing as a danscuse at the Broad-way theatre, and bringing down the house by the grace and finish of her style-and at last she bounds into the rirg and executes a par seul on horseback. All this, for a child hardly in her to the temperable.

At the Bowery, the only remarkable event of the week was the benefit of Mr. Robert Jones, the stage manager on Wednesday, when there was a very long bill and a very full house - At the Museum, Mr. J. R. Fcott is

still playing to full houses. The entertainments offered at the various theatres this

vening, will be found interesting. Broadway theatre "Cinderella" is announwith new scenery, etc. Miss L. Pyne is the Cinderella; Mr. Borrani as Pandini, and Mr. Harrison as the Prince. Cinderella's carriage will be drawn by four "real

At the Metropolitan theatre the melo-dramatic specta cle founded on Dumas' "Monte Christo" is announce Also, an equestrian entertainment by the Sands' circus A good bill at Burton's:-"Living too Fast," "Circu

and her Magic Cup," and "A Nice Young Man." men afflicted with the blues will take notice that here re several good opportunities for a laugh. At Wallack's a new adaptation of "Night and Morn

ng," in five acts. The cast includes Mr. Lester, Mr. Blake, Mr. Brougham, Mr. Dyott, Miss Rosa Bennett and other popular artists. New scenery and dresses, striking effects, &c., &c.

At the Bowery theatre, "The Crock of Gold," "The Eton Boy," and "Timour the Tartar" are approunced At the Museum, Mr. Scott plays "Wallace," and the

Second Grand Annual Poultry Show" is going on. Excellent bills are announced at Wood's and Buckley's MUSIC AND THE DRAMA ELSEWHERE.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" has been produced at the Walnut street theatre, Philadelphia, scenery, properties, &c., of the Broadway-The Grist and Mario opera company appear in "I Puritani" at the Boston theatre, this evening. Mr. E. L. Davenport concluded a two weeks' engagement with a benefit on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Conway have been re-engaged at the Museum. The Transcript is anxious that the Bo ladies should go to the opera in proper costume : "Not in bonnet and dark articles of dress that absorb the leave those to the private drawing room-but in light and bright colors that will enliven the house, and give Grisi an impression that she is not singing to the 'ser vant girls with their m stresson' tickets.' a correspondent wishes the editor to "say that it is the fashion in Europe to go to the opera without them; and those who wear bonnets are supposed to have no time to dress their hair, or no dressing maid to arrange it for them." It is an important matter, that same fashion, in Europe; and it is to be hoped that the Boston ladies will not commit so flagrant a crime as disobey its edich-The fellowing named persons have been elected officers of the Boston Museum Pramatic Fund Association :- Presider t-W. H. Smith; Vice President-J. A. Johnson; Trustees-Moses Kimball, J. A. Johnson, Thos. Comer John E. Marden, W. H. Curtis; Recording Secretary-William Marden; Corresponding Secretary-M. W. Law rence; Treasurer-J. H. Anger; Medical Examiner-Winslow Lewis; Committee of Relief-Jos. P. Price, Mrs. Mary Tuttle, Joseph Rametti. --- Morris Barnet mences an engagement at the National theatre, Boston, this evening.—Miss Margaret Mitchell is to appear at the Albany Museum next Tuesday evening.—Mr. J. A. McVicker is playing Yankees at the People's theatre, St Louis — Mr. Nessie, the manager of the American theatre, San Francisco, has reduced the prices of admission to his establishment, and is doing well. Mr. and Mry. Stark were his stars .- Christy's Minstrels have disbanded at San Francisco, Cal. Part of the troupe returned to New York on the steamer of December 16th Bryant, Eph. Horn, Campbell, and Abbott, have become part of the troupe of Backus's Minstrels in California -Napier Lothian, the celebrated musician, formerly of New York city, died suddenly at San Francisco, Cal., on the 11th December last, while performing at a military ball given at the Metropolitan theatre in that city. His funeral was a very large one—attended by all the leading musicians in San Francisco, playing a solemn requiem for their departed comrade. —From late accounts received from Australia, Kate Hayes has given three grand concerts in Sydney to crowded houses, hundreds of people being pelled to go away from the doors each night, being unable to obtain even standing room. The managers from the different interior theatres had offered her several engagements-The Thornes, with Kate Denin, received a magnificent reception at Sydney on their first appear ance. By way of San Francisco, we learn they had per-formed ten nights to crowded houses, and had accepted a profitable engagement for three months — The London Atheneum has some original ideas about the American

stage, thus:—
A recent American drams, "The Upper Ten and the Lower Tweaty," appears to be an attempt to prove that New York is as wicked in its mysteries and as violent in its contrasts betwirt rich and poor, vice and virtee, as the Paris of M. Sue's motorious romance. Some of the transatiantic critics have been thereby driven into great national indignation. Others have been busly watching the career of Miss Matilda Heron, an actress who has "recently made a sensation and a success in Californis," and who is said to be engaged at Drury Lane. On the whole—strange in its form, spamodic in its motion, and dislocated in its organization though it be—there seems to us life in the drams on the opposite side of the Atlantic, which some Hawthorns to come, who prefers action to narration, may turn to account.

-Mrs. Harriet Carpenter Moulton's benefit was announced at the Honelulu theatre on the 23d of November.—One of the California papers says that Mr. T. Campbell, an actor well known in California since 1840, has, by inheritance from a recently deceased rotative in England, come into possession of a large property, amounting to over \$100,000, and takes his departure for London on the next steamer — Letters received by the last steamer announce that Miss Adelaide Phillips (a naive of Philadelphia) made her first appearance at the Carcano theatre, Milan, on the 17th of December, in the opera of the "Barber of Seville," and met with entire success. The debut of Miss Elise Hensler at La Scala, in the part of Linds, was to take place very shortly. - Mr. Geo Ryer has been playing "Ingomar" at Marysville, Cal. and the Hereld of that place thinks that he must one day "achieve the pinnacle of his profession," --- Mis aberly is playing at the National theatre, Cincionati. ond Ryan, irish comedian and vocalist died recently in New Orienns .- Mrs. Charles Howard is playing at Savannah, Ga. One of the papers says:bouquets thrown upon the stage during the even ing, were received by Mrs. H. with a grace which showed that she was practiced in the business of soknowledging such manifestations."--- Henry Farren and Miss L. Howard are playing in Charleston, S. C.

Julia Dean played Elvira at the St. Charles. Le Chiffonier was played at the French theatre; Mr. Eugene Godard made a balloon ascension; Campbell's Minstrels gave a concert; Van Amburgh's memgerie was exhibited, and there was a hunt for rats by terrier dogs "at the cockpit on Gravler street." A sufficient amount of variety, at any rate .- The Pelican theatre, St. Charles street, was to be opened on the 8th-Mr. Culder, lustee, an Holland, acting manager. Mr. J. S. Browne, C. B. Hill, Mrs. C. B. Hill, and Mrs. C. Pope, were included B. Hill, Mrs. C. B. Hill, and Mrs. C. Pope, were included in the company. —A letter gives the following account of a dramatic performance extracrdinary, at Varna. — However, there was absolitely a theatre got up in Prince Napoleon's camp—a very droil and amusing affair, indeed. The men had erected it of the old material—walmit, not wood, but leaves—and had all sorts of devices for scenery and decoration. We always said, "What's the use? we shall move directly," when anything was proposed, even so simple a matter as stabling the horses, but the French set about every plan they could devise at once, and carried it into execution. Has shere as a theatre, decorated with arms, and all the turban-cloths and waist-scarfs that the Algerines, glad enough to form part of the audisnee, would contribute, and the Zouaves acted, and droil enough they were. They composed their drams, too, as well as acted them; and they were usually rude satires upon existing circumstances, full of coarse humor and rough mirth. * * The Crar, of course, was very prominent as a here on "the boards" of the Prince's theatre. In one drama that met with immense applause, and was announced for frequent repetition, a windmill was introduced, constructed with much selverness, with bayonets and turban cloths, a few brushes, and so on. A sack was brought in by a man supposed to be a Russian, who emptied it into the windmill, and then screamed out that he wanted the contents back, as they consisted of the Crar. But the Zouaves told him to writt and then grinding away, a quantity of dust, the remains of the autocrat, reduced by French power, was shaken out to the Russian, who show a special content back, as they consisted of the Crar. But the Zouaves told him to writt and then grinding away, a quantity of dust, the remains of the autocrat, reduced by French power, was shaken out to the Russian, who show his sense of the value of emancipation from the yoke of a tyrant.

Madame Steliz a short time since entered into an engagement with the Zouaves. in the company. - A letter gives the following account

Madame Steltz a short time since entered into an en-ragement with the director of the Grand Opera, Paris, by which she was to forfeit fifty thousand france in case he broke her contract. The lady signified her wish to retire from the opera, and her readiness to pay the fine but it appears, after an absence of a couple of months, the director, who had the courage to apply for his ney, has been referred to the lady's accoust, and the world is likely to have another theatrical proces to amuse .- The French artists have been making up a fund to supply the settiers in the Crimes with luxuries not provided by government. Roger, the tenor, sent his contribution, one thousand five hundred france, the amount received by him at a representation of "La Dame Blanche," in Germany. It is to be laid out in segars, which are to be labelled "Roger's packet of segars to his countrymen."- Madame Ugalde has returned to her old place of occupation, the Opera Comique of Paris, having, it is said, signed an engagement for some years there -A German clerical gentleman has just concluded a drematic work of which report speaks well. It bears the title of "Pontius Pilate!" and is to be brought out at Greiswalde .--- Mrs. L. S. Buckingham, of Haymarket theatre, has just been divorced from her husband, on her own petition, by the Edinburgh Court of Sessions. The lady in future will be known by her maiden name of Miss C. White.

Coroners' Inquests.

DEATH FROM STARVATION AND EXPOSURE TO THE WEATHER. Coroner Hilton held an inquest, on Saturday, upon the of a man named Daniel Coffee, who came to his death from starvation and exposure to the weather. It appeared that Coffee for the last six months has been rambling through the Nineteenth ward utterly destitute, and that on the night of the 18th inst. policeman Bornstead found him standing against a sharty in Frity-eighth street, between First and Second avanues; that he conveyed him to the hospital; that there he was found to be in a state of complete exhaustion; that for two days thereafter his attendants could not get him to take any tood or medicines, and that he died in consequence of exposure and starvation as aforesaid. He was probably past recovery when taken to the hospital. On his arrival there they tried to get brandy into him without success, and he gradually declined, and died from an exhaustion of his vitely powers, resulting from cold and want of food. He was thirty-five years of age, and a native of Ireland.

Fazal ACCIDINT ON SURFACED. rambling through the Nineteenth ward utterly destitute,

upon the body of Henry Marshall, steward of the ship Samuel Willets, now lying at the foot of Dover street, rames which, now lying at the foot of lover street, who came to his death by falling down through the hold of the ship, breaking his neck and fracturing his shall. No evidence could be obtained showing the dreumstances under which the deessed fall down the hatchway. The jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the above facts. Deceased was about twenty eight years of age, and a native of England.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A woman mamed Bridget Maloy, employed a downstie in the beauty eight years of the street of the stree

ployed as a domestic in the house No. 143 Chambers street, fell down a flight of stairs in this house, on Stturday night, and broke her neck. Coroner Hillorn held an inquest on the body of the deceased yesterday, when the jury rendered a vardiet of "death from compression of the brain, the result of a fail."

ACCIDINTALLY DROWNED -Yesterday, Coroner Hilton held an inquest on the body of John P. Brintnall, who overheard from the gang plank of the steamship Her-mann, lying at the Novelty Works. The deceased, it appeared, was the third officer of the steamer, and the night being very dark, he had occasion to go on board

Brooklyn Intelilgenee.

OF INVANCE OF THE SABRATH.-Yesterday the principle s to the strict observance of the Sabbath, expressed and declared by Mayor Hall, were vigorously and rela glously carried out. Throughout the city (locial the Twelfth ward-a portion of the old Sixth abounding in groggeries, few of which can boast the mblance of a tavern) the law was strictly observed No subterfuges were, as far as we could learn, resorted and nothing but bona fide eating houses offered re freel ments to the traveller, and these were entirely con fined to the lower part of the city, and had their bars fined to the lower part of the city, and had their bars cloved. The directions issued to the police, to secretain and report the names of all persons seen cutering any place where it was suspected that spirituous liquors were for sale, had a wholesome influence in thus establishing perfect order and a due observance of the Sabbath. The liquor trade was not the only one attacked. There was a general, if not total, suspension of all worldly occupations. Even the usual troops of boys vending Sunday papers had to suspend their vocations, or remain on the other side of Jordan. The soup house was opered, and a large portion of the poor were fornished with the means of satisfying their hunger; but it appears that this was not generally known, and the applicants were limited to those whose energy or craving induced them to seek for relief.

Williamsburg News.

MAYOR HALL VISITING THE GROSSIEMES—CAPORT IN THE ACT.—Mayor Hall seems determined to enforce the law elative to the closing of drinking houses on Sanday ders were issued by him last week, through the Chis of Police, directing the policemen to report all places where liquor is sold, and also all places kept open for the where liquor is sold, and also all places kept open for the sale of any commodity whatever on the Sabbath, (including licensed taverns,) with the names of all persons who keep and are seen to enter them, and whenever any violations of the State law, or the civil ordinances in this respect, come under their personal observation, to arrest the offenders. Yesterday, in order to assertain to elat criter liquor places were kept open, Mayor Hall, accompanied by Chief of Police Folk, visited the Eastern distrest, tale Williamsburg), and found them all closed with one exception. This, the Union Hotel, in Grate direct, kept by Francis Swift, they entered, and being unknown to the proprietor, witnessed the sale of liquor to five persons. Mayor Hall then made timeed inose and leniency saled, the proprietor was informed that he would be dealt with according to law. No drunken men were observed in the streets—something new.

Work from the University — It is understood that

the Common Council will make application to the Legis the proposed canal from the Wallabout to Newtown the proposed canal from the Wallabout to Newtown creek, to go into operation immediately. By so doing thousands of men can obtain employment, at fair wages, who are now subsisting upon charity. The proposed canal will be about two miles in length, 6 by feet wide, and of sufficient depth to font an ordinary vessel. First Wardens—The Board of Officers of the Pire Destront of the Eastern district have nominated for Fire Wardens Wm. V. Harron and Cornelius Woglous, subject to approval by the Common Council.

A FOUR HOUSE.—A soup house was opened on Friday, in the Sixteenth ward, in Mr Snyder's brewery, in Meso-role tirest. It was evin mated and conducted by Captur J. H. Gaus, the funds being raised by voluntary contri-

BURGLARY.-The house of Mr. Cassidy, in North Nint

Police Intelligence.

ATTEMPT TO KILL A POLICEMAN.

About two and a half o'clock yestermy moratag, while officer Mains, of the Twenty first ward police, was patrolling his best at the corner of Thirty-seventh street and Sixth avenue, he heard an alarm rap from one of and Sixth avenue, he heard an alarm rap from one of the policemen in the Twentieth district, and on walking on to inquire what was the cause of the signal, he saw a man running down Sixth avenue at a rapid pace and evidently pursued by some one. Officer Mains immediately skirted after this person, supposing him to be an escaped third. Fursuing him closely, the fugitive, when at the corner of Thirty-third street, suddenly turned around and drawing a pistol from his person fired it at the officer, who, undannted by the sitempt on he life made by the rescal, pursued him ited and off rame house at this point, from which the daring follow made his escape by some rear outlet. The officer was not injured by the discharge of the weapon, although quite close behind the fugitive when it was fired at him.

ARREST FOR GAMBLING-KEEPING A DISORDERLY

About three o'clock yesterday morning officers Morell and Jones, of the Nineteenth ward police, made a descent upon a porter house situated in Forty-first street, between Third and Lexington avenues, owned by a between Third and Jexington avenues, owned by a man named William Marx, and arrested seven men for gambling. The proprietor was arrested for beeping a disorderly house, allowing the prisoners to remain gambling on his premises at such an uneassonable hour, and on Sanday morning too. The prisoners were taken to the station bouse, where they gave their rames as Michard Columan, John Collin, and Michael Connolly. All parties, including Marx, the heeper of the porter horse, were locked up for the night, at the Nimeteenth ward station house. Yesterday they were taken before the Magistrate at the Second District Police Court, who held the proprietor to ball for keeping a disorderly house. The other prisoners were also held to answer.

ROBBED BY PICEPOCKETS.

About 9 o'clock on Saturday night, while a Mr. Jame McLaughlin, resiting at Hoboken, was passing West street through Washington market, some expert thiever managed to pick his pockets of a wallet containing \$125 victim was first made aware of his loss on reac The victim was first made aware of his loss on reaching the Hobeken ferry, where, putting his hand in his pecket for his ferriage, he found to his surprise that his wallet had vanished. He immediately informed a policeman of the fact who accompanied him back to the spot where he supposed he had lost his money. Here the pair addressed a young man whom they supposed to be a persen of questionable character, and who Mr. McLaughlin identified as being one of the individuals who had pushed up against him in the market, but all questions put him being somewhat satisfactorily asswered, the young man accounted was allowed to proceed numbered, the efficier not feeling justified in making an arrest McLaughlin returned to Jersey a viter man, resolving never to leave money exposed to the observance of thieves again.

PASSING GOUNTERPET MONEY.

PASSING COUNTERPEIT MONEY

A man named Francis Osborne was arrested on Saturon the charge of passing counterfeit \$5 bills on the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Philadelphis on several shopkeepers in the upper part of the city. A woman named Elizabeth McCan caused the arrest of the acoused, who, on being taken before Justice Brennan, at the Jefferson market police court, detained him for examination. Yesterday, three or four persons came to the police court, and stated that they had several of these counterfeits passed upon them, the person answering the description of the prisoner. Osborne was thereupon brought into court, and identified as the person who had passed three of these counterfeits on the same number of storckeepers in the upper part of the city. Osborne was committed for examination by Justice Brennan.

DARING HIGHWAY ROBBERY. Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Philadelphia on seve-

DARING BIGHWAY ROBBERY.

At a late hour on Saturday evening, Mr. P. Vellis, of No. 17 Walker street, was knocked down in F. veils, of No. 17 Walter street, was knocked down in Ferry street by some daring robber, and robbed of a wal-let containing \$107. The money taken from the person of Mr. Veills did not belong to him, being placed in his possession to pay a debt for a freed of his. No clue his yet been obtained as to the whereabouts of the highway-man, although a police officer was desputched with the complainant soon after the occurrence, in order, if pos-sible, to find out some trace of this street robber. SUSPICION OF BURGLARY.

Four boys, named George Harrison, John Fowler, Wm Kane, and John McLarmott, were arrested by officers Eve rard and Duffy, of the Fourth ward pslice, on suspicion of having burglariously entered the jewelry store of J. Davison, No. 410 Pearl street, and stealing therefrom a small quantity of property. The pelectors were taken before Justice Osborne at the Lower Police Court, who committed them for examination.

THE FRENCES'S PALL,-This annual festival takes place the Academy of Music this evening, the 15th inst. We have often appealed to the citisens of this metropolis in behalf of this noble and efficient charity, and we do it this year, despite the money pressure-may, on account that if there is one claim stronger than another upon the graticude and liberality of our citizens, it is that which is presented by those who, owning a comparatively small share of the property of the city, are its alseaness guardians against its most dangerous foe. We will not argue this claim, nor will we permit ourselves to doubt that it will be responded to it a spirit worthy the reputation of New York. There is no pressure which should be permitted to interfere with the property of the fremen, or the maintenance of the wildows and orphans of those who have init down their lives in the service. The demonstrates the trust this year are peculiarly heavy. The expenditures have reached \$19,000, and the expense of renting and fitting up the academy of Music with a dencing fit or for the ball, will be over two thousand dellars. This will render large receipts necessary from the sale of tickets, in order to realize a sufficient sum to s presented by those who, owning a comparatively small Ill the treasury to overflowing.

THE LICENST ON RAILROAD CAME —We think the recom-mendation of the Mayor in regard to the license of care on the city railroads, a good one to a certain extent, but neverticeless susceptible of improvement. If a tax of one hundred dollars per annum should be placed upon each car, of course the companies would put as few cars as car, or course the companies would put as few cars as possible on their respective routes, and the public would thereby be greatly inconvenienced by overcowded ears and longer delays between the trips. No to avoid this, and to give greater accommodation than is offered by the city radreads at present, we would recommond that a tas of one hundred and fitty deliars each be levied upon the first five cars put upon each road, one handed doing each on the next five, eventy-five follars on each of the next five administration of the next five additional, fifty dollars on the number extrem fitteen and twenty, twenty five dollars on each other twenty and twenty twenty five dollars on each other twenty and twenty five, and so on, ad libition, with a proportionate reduction.

This Manne Nor on First.—The city was full of runners

on Saturday afternoon, to the effect that the United States mail steamship Baltic was on fire. A gentleman called at the office of the Chief of Police, and stated that intelligence had been received at several of the insurance effices to that effect. The news agreed with great rapidity, and the mest exaggerated stories were affect, one of which was that the faltic was blown up and the dock, storehouses, shede acc, torn to pieces. The fire relegraph at the Chief's office was immediately put in requisition, and word sent to the Fifth ward stationhouse, true which answer was returned that nothing had been remy of the matter there. Several industrious young gentlemen statched to the New York press, made all haste to the scene of the supposed disaster, and performed surprising feats in the way of running against time. When they arrived at the dock foot of Canal street, out of wind and out of humor, they found the Battle safe and sound, with no signs of fire or emoke anywhere near her. It is impossible to tell how the report originated. The Warrelin-Colo Adala, —Yesterlay was cold, clear and bright, the very ideal of a winter's day. The streets were filled with pedestrians, analous to take intelligence had been received at several of the favor-

streets were filled with pedestrians, anxious to take advantage of the pleasant weather while it lasts, and advantage of the pleasant weather while it lasts, and improve the "shining hour" by going to church, and attending to their devotional energiese. The greeds presented a very different appearance from what they did no faturday night. Then they were all duch and mud, but during the night the freed came, and the fifth that had restated the efforts of the Mayor, the another mas of the press, and the insprecations of the public was converted quietly, but surely, into a hard, firm, combination of earth and less. It is to be housed the odd will continue, as it is preferable to mild weather, with its unfortunate accompaniments of muddied dothers and dirty streets.

ACCIDIAT TO A STREET CONTRACTOR—One of the contractors for cleaning the streets in the Taird 1975.

tractors for cleaning the streets in the Third, Fifth and Sixteenth wards—a Mr. Williams—met with a severe ac-cident on Wednesday night of last week. It appears he cident on Wednesday night of last week. It appears he went to see one of his men, who lived in a rear house in Yarich's street, near Greenwich, and while creating the yard, the night being quite dark he slipped and fell down an unferced area, and injured himself directfully. He cut his bead dangerously, and broke both his wrists, so that his hands hung loose, being attached to the arms only by the sinh. Help was soon rendered, and he was conveyed to his residence. This accident is much to we represed, as Mr. Williams has manifested considerable seal in the performance of his duties lately. Last week he removed over a thousand loods of ashes, garlage and did from the streets in the Third and Fifth wards.

A Wowar Revenuer Burston-A woman named-forth

N. ws from the Cape of Good Y lope, ARRIVAL OF THE SLOOP OF WAR PLYINGEY IF AT NOR-POLK.

The sleep of war Plymouth arrived at Hampton Bonds on the 10th of January, forty-three days from the Cope of Good Hope, on her return from the East Indies, The following is a list of her officers, who are all

John Guest, Heney N. T. Arnold, Peter Wager (action):
Purser, Edward C. Doran, Surgeon, Chas. H. Wheeleright:
Acting Master, David Ochiltree: Assistant Surgeon, Jones
H. Otis, Passed Midshipman, Milton Haxton, Midshipmen, James W. Shirk, Goo. F. Morrison, Lester A. Beardalee, Edward C. Stockton; captain's clerk, Joseph P. Norris, boatswain, William Smith; carpenter, Charles W. Hab oitt; sail maker, George D. Blackford; acting gunner, Lyman Page.

We have received the Cape Town papers of the 27th of November. The Cape Town Mail of the 25th of November copies the following from the Graham's Town Jour-

The information from the immediate border is of The information from the immediate border is of a more pacific character than that previously received. The runous of impending war are gradually dying out, and it seems pretty clear, whatever might have been the intentions of the kanins, that no movement of a hostile character will be for the present made. From Fort Beau fort we learn that a lingo Chief in that vicinity has admitted being present at Umhala's beer drinking carousal, and that the main topic of conversation there was war with the colory. This may serve as a broad hint to the colorists to keep awake, and a salutary caution not to neglect those means of defence which are within their reach, and in which alone will befound their future safety. Intrust the device of the frontier to the natives, and be content to rest in a state of unpreparedness, and war, with all its attendant horrors, is inevitable. Suppose to aggression by the exituse. All are trained to arms from their infancy, and are laught to view successful freelecting as the highest honor. It is our business to teach them a better belief than this, not by the inculeation of a mere maxim, but by an exhibition of power to resist effectually and to pumsh promptly their evil doings.

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The Cape Town Mail of the 23d of November says:-The Cape Town Mail of the 23d of November says:—
The United States ship Plymouth, which it will be remembered put in at the Cape some months ago, when
proceeding as one of the United States squadron toJapan, returned on Moncay. The following complimes
tary notice as to the treatment experienced in this
colony, has since been published:—
The joily crew on board the United States ship Plymouth,
deeper, on their extern from the scatera station, to congrate
into the Cape colonists, and express their thous for the kind
reception and treatment which they have always experienced
in the long third colony.

in this hospitable colony.

I. S. ship Flymouth, Table Bay, Nov. 21.
On Tuesday last, one of the crew belonging to the United States ship Flymouth, in attempting to leap over the shir near the Central wharf, and not clearing it, unfortunately fractured one of his legs. Immediate assistance was rendered, and, having been conveyed on board, he was at ome placed under the care of the medical officer connected with the vessel.

Larson,-The launching of the ship Ellwood Walter will take place this day, at 3% o'slock P. M., at Thomas Stack's ship yard, foot North Second street, Williams burg, being postposed on saturday on account of the dense fog. The Eliwood Walter is one of the finest ships ever built in this city or vicinity. She is 1,250 toos, and intended for the Liverpool trade. Owned by John B Sardy and others of this city.

The Loss of the Whalsburg Cry. -The following ac-

count, from Capt. Gifford, of the whaleship City, of New Bedford, confirms the report of the loss of his vecsel, in Saghalian Bay, ten miles north of Cape Golovatch, together with her cargo of 350 barrels of sperm oil, and 970 barrels of whale oil. The captain and crew left the ship in three boats. The mate and six seamen were unfortunately trawned in endeavoring to reach the shore on a raft made from the abundoned Chilian bark Revello, (before mentioned,) against which their boat had been dashed in endeavoring to board ber. The captain and the remainder of the crew succeeded in getting ashore on the west side of Saghalian, after being in their beats several hours. The disaster occurred on the 64 Up to this time (evening of the 7th) the natives had

Up to this time (evening of the 7th) the natives had seemed to disfile one company, and had stolen nearly all the little that had been saved by my crew; when we brought the men from the raft they came out in their true colors, driving every one from their house, and expressing a particular dislike to shelter the almost dying men, the rain at the time pouring down in torrests. Fortunately, some of my crew had saved three blanks, with which we made a rule tent, and with a fire succeeded in saving their lives, although two of them were utally unconscious until the next morning when we ware driven sway from that place by the natives. The gate had by this time absted; we launched our waiset toat and took fee to the place where I had landed, where we made a fire and cooked some fish, which some of the crew had bought with what little chething remained. The Tactars again appeared, and demanded our costs, which we, of course, refused; they then threat not to sail others to their assistance and task them by once, but before they could effect their object we had emusted, and were about one hun-

for their kindness in taking a part of my crew on board their ships

Nams or Chew Bayen, Cyros E. Chara, Jr., Patrhaven, Mass., second mate: Henry Stewart, Oavego, N. Y., third mate. William H. Marphy, New Bedford, Muss., cooper Morton Laver, do, boatsteerer: Williams Watson, Boaton, Mass., steward: Charles Henry, Maryland, cook. Fames—James H. Hathaway, New Badford: Ephraim Baily, Vermont Oliver Randall, Providence E. I., Henry caywood, New Hampshire, Elward Gifford, Westport, Mass. Peter Kehso, unknown, John Frank do, do, Jose, do do, George, do, Guam; Emilys, do, do, Jose, do do, George, do, Guam; Emilys, do, do.

rank, 46., 56., 1988., 1987. George N. Lewis, Fairhaven, Inse, 6., 56.

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Your obedient servant, 1981. Henry Grycoxo, late master of ship City, 1981.

Fricarrit a convertiva Ratinoan Porer. Os Saturday morning a woman about thirty years of age, named Mrs. Waters, lost her life by accident in the deput of the New York and Eric Railroad, in Jersey City. She had New York and Eric Sailroad, in Jersey City. She hade taken her sent in a train of care with her two children tog to to licin wate (Fort Jerris), and just as the train was starting the put her head out of the car window to ask a question relative to her haggage, when a post standing within three inches of the cide of the car caught her head, and crushed it in such a horrible manner that she was little irritantly. Her headand is at present irring in New York, but recently resided at Port Jervis, where he was for four years in the employ of the Saintena Company. Recorder Cutter held an inquest upon the body of the deceased, and the jury, in their verdict, ceasers to the company for running their cars so near to the posts of the depot. The train was in the depot building, an assimuted is the regin that it is unsafe.

The Course.—In the Hudson County Court of Oyer and Terminer, Judge Haines, presiding, the case, and

and Terminer, Judge Haines, presiding, the case, all Jumps Gilligan, tried on a charge of manelangister, instriking Mr. E. Mocker a blow with his fist, during an

John H. Rae, previously convicted, was fixed \$140. The trial of H. Maymard, is expected to take place

Tax Fire Department Fond.—The annual meeting of

The Prince of the Agracy City Fire Espatiant Fundament Fundament of the Agracy City Fire Espatianent Fundament Agracy City Fire Espatianent Fundament Agracy Company of the Company of the

Coussion.—At about 8 o clock on Saturday morning, during the prevalence of the heavy fug, one of the dec-ory Chy ferry Loals, came into collision with a schemer, and carried away her rubber, and did her considerable other damage.